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Application Number	10/678,170
Filing Date	October 6, 2003
Inventor(s)	David J. KROPACZEK et al.
Group Art Unit	2123
Examiner Name	Dwin M. Craig
Attorney Docket Number	24GA6001 (8564-000042/US)

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/678,170 Art Unit: 2123  
Filing Date: October 6, 2003 Examiner: Dwin M. Craig  
Applicant: David J. KROPACZEK et al. Conf #: 2278  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FACILITATING RECOVERY OF NUCLEAR FUEL FROM FUEL POOL  
Attorney Docket: 24GA6001 (HDP Ref.:8564-000042/US)

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2007, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this Amendment.

	<b>Claims remaining after Amendment</b>		<b>Highest number previously paid for</b>		<b>Present extra</b>
<b>Total</b>	50	-	34	=	16
<b>Independent</b>	6	-	5	=	1